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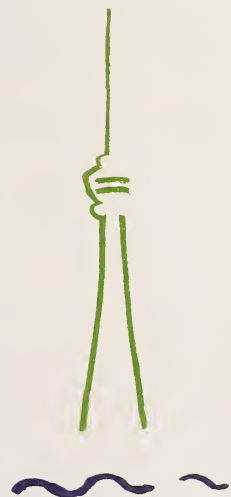


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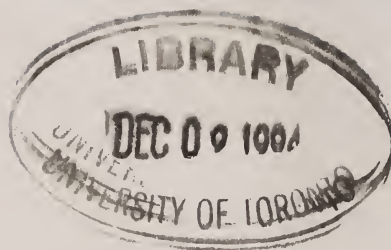
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5th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE REDUCTION OF DRUG RELATED HARM

Toronto, Ontario, Canada
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HARM REDUCTION IN 1994

This International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm is the first to meet in the Americas. Previous meetings in the series have been held in Liverpool, England; Barcelona, Spain; Melbourne, Australia; and Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

The concept of harm reduction became common currency in the context of criminalized drugs in the late 1980s in response to two particular pressures. The first was the problem of HIV infection among injecting drug users. The second was a growing suspicion that the strategies adopted in many societies to deal with drug use often exacerbated the problems, rather than ameliorating them.

HARM REDUCTION AS A RESPONSE TO URGENT NEEDS

Preventing the spread of HIV among injection drug users and their partners, it was argued, justified bold measures, even if the measures acknowledged and might appear to condone injection drug use. One such measure was making sterile syringes available to intravenous drug users, through needle exchanges and other means. By the mid-1980s, such approaches had been adopted in Merseyside in England, in the Netherlands, and in Australia. By the late 1980s these approaches had also been adopted in some cities in Canada and the United States.

These harm reduction initiatives motivated by the priority given to preventing AIDS found common cause with some older approaches. Methadone maintenance, accepted since the 1970s in the U.S. but only very recently in countries like Germany, has also been commonly justified as reducing harm. But what harm was being reduced has shifted and broadened over time. Whereas in the U.S. in the 1970s the emphasis was on reducing harm to the community from drug-related crime, in an era of AIDS epidemic a main reason for providing methadone is to prevent HIV infection.

Many of the sessions and presentations at this conference continue these traditions of approaching drug users on their own terms with practical approaches to avoiding potential harms from drug use. Such an approach is very much in line with a much older tradition of public health thinking. Public health agencies for instance, have long sought to limit the harm from sexuality, even where the particular sexual relations were illegal or disapproved and the public health measures appeared to condone them. This public health stance has long been concrete and clear: it is appropriate to act vigorously to prevent immediate harm, even if the action might involve a diffuse risk of future harm.

HARM REDUCTION AS OPENING UP THE POLICY AGENDA

Thinking in terms of harm reduction also implies a critique of conventional thinking about drug policy in terms of a dichotomy of supply reduction and demand reduction. Instead of focusing only on trying to eliminate drug use, whether through treatment, education and other "demand reduction" approaches or through law enforcement and other "supply reduction" approaches, a harm reduction perspective refocuses attention on reducing the harm from drug use. This makes available a broader range of strategies, including strategies which may eliminate the harm without eliminating the drug use.

A harm reduction perspective on illicit drugs thus converges with thinking about licit drugs like alcohol and tobacco. Strategies like server intervention and automobile airbags which insulate the drinker (and others) from harm are a well-accepted part of a public health approach to alcohol policy. Nicotine chewing gum and nicotine skin patches have become important components of a harm reduction approach to tobacco, providing a supply of the main psychoactive substance while eliminating damage to health – of the smoker and of others – from breathing cigarette smoke. This conference continues the initiative of the Melbourne conference in broadening the frame for harm reduction to include substantial attention to alcohol and tobacco.

FACING THE ISSUES IN HARM REDUCTION

Harm reduction perspectives have been steadily gaining ground internationally in thinking about criminalized drugs. Harm reduction formally became the framework for Canada's National Drug Strategy in 1987, and in its newly-published 28th report, the World Health Organization's Expert Committee on Drug Dependence adopted a harm reduction perspective.

As harm reduction moves into the policy mainstream, it poses many issues for discussion and action. What is to be considered and counted as harm, and how is it to be measured? Is there any sensible way of differentiating drugs by their inherent harm potential? What is the likelihood of harm from particular patterns and circumstances of drug use? What can be done about gaps between public perception and the reality of harm potential? What about harm reduction in the context of performance-enhancing drugs? Each of these issues is addressed in one or more sessions at the conference.

Also given substantial attention at the conference are the practicalities and the practice of harm reduction approaches. Harm reduction practice starts from the gritty realities of the everyday life of clients, often clients who have been pushed to the margin of society. Accepting the ambiguities of the human condition, harm reduction practitioners struggle against the risk of burnout or cynicism to remain both humane and effective. The exchange of ideas about effective approaches and applications with colleagues from near and far is an important feature of the conference.

FOR MORE READING ABOUT HARM REDUCTION

See the books resulting from the 1st and 3rd International Conferences:

P.A. O'Hare, R. Newcombe, A. Matthews, E.C. Buning and E. Drucker, eds.,

The Reduction of Drug-Related Harm, London & New York: Routledge, 1992.

Nick Heather, Alex Wodak, Ethan Nadelmann and Pat O'Hare, eds., Psychoactive Drugs and Harm Reduction: From Faith to Science, London: Whurr Publishers, 1993.

ROLLESTON AWARDS

The Rolleston Awards are given annually to the two persons who have made outstanding contributions to harm reduction, one internationally and the other in the country sponsoring the conference. The awards are named after the chair, Humphrey Rolleston, of the British committee which, in 1926, made the landmark ruling that it was acceptable medical practice to maintain addicts on opiates. The Rolleston Committee thus established the guiding principle of harm minimization: reduce the harm to individual drug users and help addicts to lead useful lives. This year's award winners are:

INTERNATIONAL ROLLESTON AWARD - *Dr. Alex Wodak, St. Vincent's Hospital, Australia*

ROLLESTON AWARD FOR CANADA - *Dr. Catherine Hankins, Montréal General Hospital, Canada*

NEW SCHOLAR AWARDS

These awards were presented for the three best abstracts submitted by scholars who have not presented a paper at a previous International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm. The awards are intended to advance the study of harm reduction and attract new participants to the conference.

Francisco Bastos, FIOCRUZ, Brazil – Dissemination of HIV among cocaine injecting users: the historical background and dilemmas of today (presented by Regina de Carvalho Bueno)

Bryan G. Nadeau, Department of Psychology, Simon Fraser University, Canada – Anabolic steroids, liver cancer and the amelioration of drug-related harm.

Alan Rosenbach, Substance Misuse Service, Crawley Hospital, UK – From non-opiate to opiate prescribing for heroin users: implications for harm reduction.

CONFERENCE-RELATED EVENTS

FIRST NIGHT RECEPTION

Sunday, March 6th, 6:30pm to 8:30pm, in the Grand Ballroom on the lower concourse level at the Sheraton Centre. An evening that will provide conference participants with an excellent opportunity to meet other delegates they will be seeing throughout the week. Light refreshments will be available, and there will be a cash bar.

ST. LAWRENCE FORUM

Tuesday, March 8th, 8:00pm to 10:00pm, at the St. Lawrence Theatre (27 Front Street East, at Yonge Street). Sponsored by the Canadian Foundation for Drug Policy, this public forum on harm reduction will feature Pat O'Hare, Ernie Drucker, Ricardo Soberón Garrido, Alex Wodak, and Diane Riley. The St. Lawrence Forum is a regular series of such public forums on major public issues. Donation at door.

"WELCOME TO TORONTO" RECEPTION

Wednesday, March 9th, 6:30pm to 7:30pm, in the Rotunda, at New City Hall (directly across Queen Street from the Sheraton Centre – two curved towers surround a smaller round building – the foyer or Rotunda of the smaller round building is the location of the reception). Chairman Alan Tonks of the Metropolitan

Toronto Council and Mayor June Rowlands of the City of Toronto will host this reception to welcome conference delegates to the city. Ontario wines will be featured, as well as hors d'oeuvres.

CONFERENCE BANQUET

Wednesday, March 9th, 8:00pm in the Grand Ballroom, lower concourse level at the Sheraton Centre. Please note that the banquet will begin at 8:00pm – delegates should be seated by 7:45pm. The winner of the International Rolleston Award, Dr. Alex Wodak, will be the featured dinner speaker. The menu for this event features Canadian salmon as the main course.

FIELD VISITS

Two-hour visits to Toronto agencies in the field. There will be a charge of up to \$10 for transportation on the Donwood and ARF tours.

VISIT TO THE DONWOOD INSTITUTE

Thursday, March 10th, 4:00pm. Please sign up at the Conference Office by Tuesday, 6:00pm if you are interested in attending this tour (we need to arrange transportation in advance). Established in 1967, the Donwood is Canada's first public hospital to specialize in the treatment of alcoholism. Its programs have evolved to cover many aspects of the substance abuse field, spanning assessment, treatment, and aftercare, as well as youth, women, and cocaine users.

VISIT "THE WORKS" STREET OUTREACH VAN

Thursday, March 10th, 4:00pm. Please meet outside the Conference Office if you are interested in seeing the vehicle. The Works is an outreach and syringe exchange program run by the Department of Public Health, City of Toronto.

VISIT TO THE ADDICTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Thursday March 10th, 4:00pm. Please sign up at the Conference Office by Tuesday, 6:00pm if you are interested in attending this tour (we need to arrange transportation in advance). An agency of the province of Ontario, the ARF is dedicated to research into alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and to developing that knowledge in the form of products, programs and services that can be used in the community. ARF clinicians, scientists and researchers work in a range of disciplines from health recovery and prevention and health promotion to socio-behavioural, medical, bio-behavioural and biochemical research.

GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

REGISTRATION AND CONFERENCE OFFICE

The registration office, in the Vide Office on the lower concourse of the Sheraton Centre, will operate from 6:30pm – 8:30pm Sunday, March 6th, for registration, from 8:00am to 6:00pm Monday, March 7th to Wednesday March 9th, and from 8:00am to 1:00pm Thursday March 10th. The office may be reached by telephone during the conference at 947-4908, or through the hotel switchboard.

REGISTRATION FEE

The full registration fee (\$700 CDN) entitles you to the conference kit, access to plenaries, sessions and workshops, daily lunches Monday, March 7th to Thursday, March 10th, and a conference reception and banquet on March 9th.

CONFERENCE BADGES

Conference badges are required for entrance into all sessions and social activities. Replacement conference badges are not available.

BANQUET TICKETS

Banquet sign up sheets are included in the registration kits. Please return sign up sheets to the conference office by 6:00pm Monday, March 7th if you are planning to attend. A limited number of additional tickets can be purchased at the conference office until 6:30pm on Tuesday March 8th for guests of conference delegates, at a cost of \$50 each.

LUNCHESES

Lunch will be served each day in two locations, the Essex Ballroom on the Mezzanine level, and the Civic Ballroom on the 2nd Floor. The menus will be the same in both locations.

CONFERENCE EVALUATION

A brief conference evaluation questionnaire will be distributed in the registration kits for you to complete and deposit in the return box which will be available at all plenary sessions. We greatly appreciate your cooperation with the evaluation, which will help in the planning of future conferences.

CONFERENCE TAPING & RECORDING

Cassette tapes of plenary and major sessions will be professionally recorded by Audio Archives International, Inc. and made available for sale immediately following the sessions outside the conference office under the Audio Archives sign. The tapes can also be purchased by mail. Complete details and order forms are included in the conference kits.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

The Addiction Intervention Association (AIA) has approved the conference for CEU credits of 1.5 per session, with a maximum of 19.5 units if an individual attends all non-concurrent sessions (plenaries, major sessions and lunch speakers). Those wishing to obtain credit should ask for a Confirmation of Attendance document at the conference office prior to Thursday. The AIA can be reached by fax at (416) 491-1670 or by phone at 491-3399.

A workshop for medical practitioners, *Guide your patients to a smoke-free future* (K10 at 4:00-5:30pm Tuesday), has been approved for continuing education credits by the College of Family Physicians of Canada. Details on obtaining credits will be available at the workshop.

EXHIBITS

Conference exhibits will be set up in the Grand Ballroom Foyer. A list of exhibitors can be found in the conference kit.

POSTER SESSION

Posters for the poster session will be set up in the Grand Ballroom Foyer, and may remain up through the conference. The formal session time at which presenters are expected to be at their posters is 1:00-2:00pm Monday.

MEDICAL/FIRST AID

Medical and first aid services are available at the Sheraton Centre. For assistance please ask at the information kiosk, in the hotel lobby, or dial "0" on any house telephone.

SMOKING

Smoking is not permitted in any of the conference sessions or catering areas. There are designated smoking areas within the hotel, including the main foyer (look for the ashtrays).

ACCESS FOR HANDICAPPED

All street level entrances are accessible to people in wheelchairs.

MESSAGE BOARD

The message board is located outside the Conference Office, in the Vide area, lower concourse. Please check the board regularly for messages and to facilitate a networking process.

PRESS ROOM

Managed by Craig Smith of the Addiction Research Foundation and Richard Garlick of the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse, the press room is situated on the concourse level, in the VIP Room. The Press Room may be reached by telephone during the conference at 947-4980 or 4981, and by fax at 947-4992.

PHOTOCOPY AND FAX SERVICES

A commercial photocopy and telecopy service is available to participants next to the mail and key desk in the hotel lobby.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Conference management will not be responsible for lost, misplaced or stolen personal belongings. Please ensure that your belongings are kept with you or in a safe place while at the conference and visiting the sights and sounds of Toronto. Conference management will not accept liability for any injury or other occurrence for delegates attending the 5th Annual Conference on The Reduction of Drug Related Harm. Attendance at the conference and its facilities is at the delegates' own risk.

OUT AND AROUND

GETTING TO THE SHERATON AND GETTING AROUND THE CITY

The Sheraton Centre is accessible by public transportation, taxis and automobile from Pearson International Airport, Toronto Island Airport, Union Station and the bus terminal. International flights arrive daily at Pearson International Airport, which is 45 minutes by road from the city core. Taxi fares are about \$30 U.S. or you can take public transportation or a commercial coach for less than \$10 U.S. The coach to "downtown hotels" stops at the Sheraton and picks up at each terminal at Pearson airport. A ticket should be purchased at the booth prior to boarding.

Within the city, subway trains are frequent, clean and reasonably safe. A ride costs \$2, or a token (available at subway stations for 5 for \$6.50). A transfer should be obtained from the machine inside the subway turnstile if you wish to transfer to a streetcar or bus at your destination. Streetcar and bus lines run mostly in a grid pattern. They use the same transit tokens as the subways; ask for a transfer when paying the fare if you are transferring. Taxicabs are plentiful.

BANKING

Most banks are open Monday to Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with some banks open on Saturday, or later in the evening. A Royal Bank Cash Counter machine (ATM) is located in the concourse level of the hotel at the Richmond St. entrance. This and other banking machines (ATMs) located throughout the downtown core have international network access (usually Plus or Cirrus systems).

TRAVEL INFORMATION

For information on travel, to confirm flights or to make flight changes, call the hotel tour desk.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

There are many interesting and diverse attractions to be found in the Toronto area. Toronto is the home of the Canadian Opera Company, the National Ballet of Canada, the Toronto Symphony, the Royal Ontario Museum, the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Ontario Science Centre, the Metropolitan Toronto Zoo, and the Harbourfront complex of hotels, restaurants and shopping. Its theatre district offers both large-scale musical productions like *Miss Saigon* and smaller alternative theatre, music and dance. Toronto offers hundreds of quality restaurants featuring every kind of cuisine, from internationally-known fine dining rooms to modest neighbourhood bistros.

See the Toronto Tours Desk in the lobby of the Sheraton Centre for details, tickets or reservations.

TIPPING

Tipping in Toronto follows the North American custom – taxi cab drivers and servers in restaurants or bars are tipped 15% of the pre-tax bill total.

CONFERENCE STREAMS ~ ~ ~

The abstracts submitted for presentation fell into six broad thematic streams, and for your convenience, the regular sessions are listed here by theme. Please refer to the detailed program which follows this for individual presenters and presentation titles. Abstracts are in the separate book included in your kit. Please note: major, plenary, and poster sessions have not been "streamed." The (W) symbol indicates a workshop and a more informal presentation format.

I. EPIDEMIOLOGY OF DRUG USE AND DRUG PROBLEMS

- B.1 Epidemiology of AIDS I.....Mon/ 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
- E.1 Epidemiology of AIDS II.....Mon/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
- G.1 AIDS and Syringe Exchange.....Tues/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- K.1 Insights from Community Studies.....Tues/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
- M.1 Measuring Sensitive BehavioursWed/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Q.1 Uses of Epidemiological DataWed/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
- Q.6 Hair Analysis and Harm Reduction:Wed/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Convergence and Divergence (W)
- Q.10 W.H.O./U.N.D.C.P. Multi-city StudyWed/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
on Drug Injecting and HIV
- S.1 Drug Use Among YouthThurs/ 11:00 am-12:30 pm

II. HARM PREVENTION PROGRAMS

- B.2 Evaluation Studies of NeedleMon/ 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Exchange Programs I
- B.10 Prisons I (W)Mon/ 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
- E.2 Needle Exchange Programs:Mon/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Limits and Barriers
- E.9 Needle Exchange in TorontoMon/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Experiences and Challenges (W)
- G.2 Evaluation Studies of NeedleTues/ 11:00am - 12:30 pm
Exchange Programs II
- K.2 Programatic Aspects of NeedleTues/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Exchange Programs
- M.2 User PerspectivesWed/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Q.2 IDUs and Other Health ProblemsWed/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
- M.7 A Report on the National Workshop.....Wed/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
on HIV, Alcohol and Other Drug Use (W)
- S.8 Exchangers, Volunteers, Staff and.....Thurs/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Neighbourhoods: How a Syringe Exchange
Based Harm Reduction Program Deals with
"Too Many Things" and Thrives! (W)

III. AT RISK POPULATIONS

- B.3 Native and Ethnocultural Studies.....Mon/ 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
- B.8 D.A.M.S. An Alternative Approach to.....Mon/ 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Working with Women, Children & Drug Use (W)
- E.3 Women and DrugsMon/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
- E.4 Generations at RiskMon/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
- E.8 Alcohol Policy Issues and Harm ReductionMon/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
- G.3 Women and Drugs IITues/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- G.7 Secondary School High RiskTues/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Youth Project (W)
- K.3 Steroids.....Tues/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
- M.3 Street Youth.....Wed/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- M.11 Sneak Preview of a Pilot High SchoolWed/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Program "Skills for Action"
- Q.8 Living Skills Centre (W).....Wed/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
- S.2 Sex Workers and Sex Issues.....Thurs/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- S.10 Reducing the Harm from HIV/AIDSThurs/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
in Correctional Facilities (W)

IV. HEALTH PROMOTION AND SERVICES

- B.4 Services to Reduce Harm I.....Mon/ 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
- B.9 Detox??? Naturally of Course!!! (W).....Mon/ 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
- E.5 Services to Reduce Harm II.....Mon/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
- G.4 Professional Attitudes.....Tues/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- G.8 Can Harm Reduction Become a.....Tues/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Destructive Form of Collusion? (W)
- K.4 Alcohol StrategiesTues/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
- K.7 Prep, Select, and Inject:Tues/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
A "How To" Workshop (W)
- M.9 "Step by Step" to Harm Reduction (W).....Wed/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- M.10 Recovery for Families and Friends.....Wed/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
of Alcoholics (W)
- Q.7. Using a Motivational Milieu to Construct.....Wed/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Health with IDUs: The Fun Group (W)
- Q.9 Harm Reduction Through EducationWed/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Reaching Vulnerable Populations
- S.3 Outreach IssuesThurs/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

V. OTHER INTERVENTIONS

- B.7 The Dialectics of Harm ReductionMon/ 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
in a Metropolitan Community:
A Narrative and Many Voices (W)
- E.7 Substance-Specific Interventions.....Mon/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
- G.5 Peer Support for Users.....Tues/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- K.9 Quebec's HIV Epidemic Among IDUs (W).....Tues/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- K.5 Peer Support and User OrganizationsTues/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Giving Users a Voice
- K.10 Guide Your Patients to a Smoke-Tues/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Free Future - Workshop for
Medical Practitioners (W)
- M.4 Heroin and Methadone ProgramsWed/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Q.4 User-Oriented Interventions.....Wed/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- S.4 Early Intervention.....Thur/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- S. 5 Residential and Other InterventionsThur/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- S.7 Ibogaine and Harm Reduction (W).....Thur/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

VI. POLICY

- B.5 Harm Reduction & Supply Side Policy.....Mon/ 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
- B.6 European Drug PoliciesMon/ 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
- E.6 Conceptual Issues in Harm Reduction I.....Mon/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
- E.10 Harm Reduction in DevelopingMon/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Countries (W)
- G.6 Strategic Advocacy for Drug.....Tues/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Policy Reform (W)
- G.9 The International Network of CitiesTues/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
on Drug Policy (W)
- K.6 Prisons IITues/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
- K.8 Conceptual Issues in HarmTues/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Reduction II (W)
- M.5 Public Opinion Advocacy.....Wed/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- M.6 Measuring Drug Policy EffectivenessWed/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- M.8 Reduction of Drug Related HarmWed/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
and Human Rights (W)
- Q.3 Policy Options in Various Countries.....Wed/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
- Q.5 Harm Reduction and SupplyWed/ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Side Policy II
- S.6 Drug Testing in Canada.....Thurs/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- S.9 History of Dutch Drug PolicyThurs/ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

CONFERENCE LANGUAGES/TRANSLATION

English is the official language of the conference. All plenary sessions will be simultaneously translated into French, and one of the three major sessions each day will also be translated. The designated session for French language translation is indicated in the program.

AGENDA CHANGES

Newsletters announcing changes to the daily agenda will be distributed and posted outside the Conference office in the Vide area of the lower concourse on the Message Board.

The detailed program follows, with sessions listed in chronological order. The individual papers or presentations are listed, along with the name of the presenter, a Roman numeral indicating conference stream, and the room where the session will take place. Sessions which have the symbol (W) next to the stream numeral are designated as workshops, and as such the format is informal.

Abstracts of most presentations can be found in a separate book included in the registration kit. A list of presenters' names, affiliations, and addresses will also be found in your registration kit.

MONDAY MARCH 7TH

OPENING SESSION

9:00 - 9:45 AM/ GRAND BALLROOM CENTRE/ PAMELA FRALICK (CHAIR)

Pat O'Hare - conference co-chair, Mersey Drug Training and Information Centre

Dr. Eva Tongue - International Council on Alcohol and Addictions

Mayor June Rowlands - City of Toronto

Hon. Ruth Grier - Minister of Health, Ontario

Hon. Diane Marleau - Minister of Health, Canada

Dr. Cynthia Fazey - United Nations Drug Control Programme

Dr. Enrique Madrigal - World Health Organization and Pan American Health Organization

* French translation available

A - PLENARY

9:45 - 11:00 AM/ DRUG USE, AIDS AND THE STREET/ GRAND BALLROOM CENTRE/ ERNST BUNING (CHAIR)

Jonathan Mann - Harm reduction, human rights, and public health: lessons from the HIV/AIDS pandemic

Catherine Hankins - AIDS, drug use, prisons and women: understanding the connection and the "view from below"

Peter Dalglish - Comforts of the homeless: sex and drugs on the street
An international perspective on the epidemiology of HIV/AIDS, the relationship between drug use and HIV, and trends in different countries and subgroups, including marginalized groups.

* French translation available

* This major session sponsored by Canada's Drug Strategy Secretariat, Health Canada

REFRESHMENTS

11:00-11:30 AM/ GRAND BALLROOM FOYER

B - REGULAR SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

B1. I

THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF AIDS I - ELGIN ROOM - JULIE BRUNEAU (CHAIR)

Regina de Carvalho Bueno - Dissemination of HIV among cocaine injecting users: The historical background and the dilemmas of today.

Marina Davoli - Changes in risk behaviours of IV drug users

Paola Maria Montiroli - Migrant intravenous drug users.

Ted Myers - Community pharmacies' role in harm reduction related to HIV prevention: results of a national survey.

B2. II

EVALUATION STUDIES OF NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS I - WINDSOR EAST ROOM - SAM FRIEDMAN (CHAIR)

T. Stephen Jones - The public health impact of needle exchange programs in the United States and abroad.

Elke Konings - Monitoring of activities and clients in Syringe Exchange Programmes (SEP) for IV drug users in Switzerland.

Alex Wodak - Needle exchange and bleach distribution programmes in Australia: A review of the first eight years.

B3. III

ETHNOCULTURAL STUDIES - HURON ROOM - DIANE MCKENZIE (CHAIR)

Allan Torrie - Intervening with chronic solvent abusers using traditional Anishinaabeg (Ojibwe) therapies.

Tim Weber - Alcohol use and its sociocultural and psychological correlates in the Punjabi community in Peel: Implications for harm reduction in an ethnocultural community.

Dima Abdulrahim - Drugs and honour: A cultural construction of drug use.

B4. IV

SERVICES TO REDUCE HARM I - PEEL ROOM - AVRIL TAYLOR (CHAIR)

Philip Fleming - Drug and alcohol services in Russia - A Western perspective.

Igor Kutsenok - Medical vs. psychosocial approaches to inpatient treatment of drug users.

Alex Meikle - Evaluation of the current active client caseload of the Possil Drug Project, Glasgow.

Andrej Kastelic - Harm reduction strategies in a new country.

B5. V1

**HARM REDUCTION & SUPPLY SIDE POLICY I - SIMCOE & DUFFERIN ROOMS -
JONATHAN CAULKINS (CHAIR)****Paul Wells** - The cautioning of drug users.**Robert MacCoun** - Harm reduction as a response to drug selling and violence.**Eugene Oscapella** - Civil liberties implications of current drug policies and of potential alternatives

B6. VI

EUROPEAN DRUG POLICIES - WINDSOR ROOM WEST - PIA ROSENQVIST (CHAIR)**J.P. Gervasoni** - Evaluating the harm reduction policy related to drug abuse in Switzerland.**Philip Lazarov** - Harm reduction in a newly open society**Jonas Noreika** - Drug use and human rights in Lithuania and in the former Soviet Union.**Freek Polak** - Medicalization in prohibition and in decriminalization.

B7. V (W)

**THE DIALECTICS OF HARM REDUCTION IN A METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY:
A NARRATIVE WITH MANY VOICES - YORK ROOM - WAYNE SKINNER (CHAIR)**

Walter Cavalieri, Larry Corea, and Carol Polych

B8. III (W)

**D.A.M.S. AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH TO WORKING WITH WOMEN,
CHILDREN & DRUG USE - KENT ROOM**

Susan Boyd, Margaret Michaud (chair), Olive Phillips

B9. IV (W)

DETOX??? NATURALLY OF COURSE!!! - CARLTON ROOM

Libby Bailey

B10. II (W)

PRISONS I - NORFOLK ROOM - JOHN PORTER (CHAIR)**Wouter de Jong** - AIDS policy in prisons in the Netherlands: possibilities and obstacles for harm reduction.**Cheryl Lynn White** - Harm reduction and intravenous drug use in federal institutions**Andréa Riesch Toepell** - HIV prevention for low literacy groups.**Ralf Jürgens** - Reducing the harms from HIV/AIDS and drug use in Canadian prisons.**LUNCH**

1:00 - 2:00 PM/ ESSEX BALLROOM ON THE MEZZANINE LEVEL,
AND IN THE CIVIC BALLROOM ON THE 2ND FLOOR

C - LUNCH SESSION

1:00 - 2:00 PM/ POSTER SESSIONS - GRAND BALLROOM FOYER

- Andison, Susan** - Metro Toronto Research Group on Drug Use
- Blood, Lowell** - Adolescent survivors of sexual abuse: high-risk drug users
- Carlini-Cotrim, Beatriz** - Media in the making of a drug scare: a preliminary study in Brazil
- Cunningham, John, et al.** - Awareness of self-change as a pathway to recovery for alcohol abusers in three different groups
- Hender, Julia, and Bell, Anne** - Outreach workers' association
- Herné, Philippe** - Medical and human activity report of two alternative care facilities for drug addict AIDS patients in France
- Hindin, Rita** - Radioimmunoassay of hair for determination of cocaine, heroin and marijuana exposure: a comparison with self report
- Jobber, Hugh** - High-risk groups: promoting harm reduction amongst anabolic steroid using body builders in Kidderminster, UK
- Kershner, Sarah, et al.** - The National Harm Reduction Working Group (NHRWG)
- Leigh, Gillian and MacIntosh, Marion** - Physician intervention in hazardous alcohol consumption
- Maggs, Christopher, and Church, Olga** - Cross-cultural considerations in nursing education on alcohol and other drug abuse
- Mitcheson, Luke, et al.** - Factors influencing drug users' compliance with a Hepatitis B vaccination schedule and development of a health intervention to increase compliance
- Newman, Marie** - Determining drug policy: utilizing the regional drug misuse database in the West Midlands, UK
- Orgel, Michael** - The future impact of new housing legislation on drug use and HIV/AIDS in the UK
- Passos, Sonia Regina Lambert and Ribeiro, Isabela** - Cocaine dependence: a study of cases in Rio de Janeiro
- Rosenberg, Harold** - Acceptance of moderate drinking by alcohol treatment services in the U.S.A., U.K., and Canada
- Russell, Marcia and Chan, Arthur** - Screening for hazardous drinking as an approach to harm reduction
- Martha Sanchez-Craig and Rafaela Davila** - Telephone intervention for alcohol problems
- Stern, L. Synn** - Rethinking Jack Black's Prophecy: the interview instrument and the validity of data
- van Beek, Ingrid, et al.** - Methadone treatment in a primary health care setting

D/ MAJOR SESSIONS

2:00-3:30 PM

D1.

ALCOHOL & HARM REDUCTION - GRAND BALLROOM EAST - WAYNE MITIC (CHAIR)

- Eric Single** - Towards a harm reduction approach to alcohol prevention
- Martin Plant** - Curbing alcohol problems: a disaggregated approach
- Tim Stockwell** - Harm reduction and licensed drinking settings

Alan Marlatt - Harm reduction for alcohol problems: reducing binge drinking in high-risk youth

The use of strategies to reduce the harm associated with illicit drugs is paralleled by a trend in alcohol prevention toward measures aimed at reducing the consequences of heavy drinking occasions. Topics to be discussed include beverage server training and licensing-law incentives; applying harm reduction to alcohol problems prevention among youth; and controlled drinking as a harm-reduction treatment goal.

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D2.

THE ECONOMICS OF HARM REDUCTION AND SUPPLY REDUCTION - GRAND BALLROOM WEST - REG SMART (CHAIR)

Mark Kleiman - Optimal prices for drugs: theory and policy.

Jonathan Caulkins - Enforcement or treatment?

Dale Gieringer - Economics of cannabis legalization.

Peter Reuter - Alternative drug control regimes and their assessment

Four economists and policy analysts discuss the economics of cannabis legalization, policy issues in social decisions about the price of cocaine under prohibition, and the costs associated with different control regimes for cocaine and for other drugs.

D3.

METHADONE UPDATE - GRAND BALLROOM CENTRE - JOHN STRANG (CHAIR)

Marsha Rosenbaum - The marginalization of methadone maintenance: the 1970s and 1980s

Annie Mino - New drug policy in Geneva

Ernst Buning - Methadone in Europe

Julie Bruneau - commentator

Methadone maintenance is a long-standing strategy of harm reduction which has found new acceptance in many European and North American cities. Speakers will discuss the evolution of methadone maintenance approaches in the context of changes in health care and social conditions.

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REFRESHMENTS

3:30PM-4:00PM/ GRAND BALLROOM FOYER

E1. I

THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF AIDS II - ELGIN ROOM - TED MYERS (CHAIR)

Peggy Millson - Evidence of reduction in HIV risk behaviours among injecting drug users in Toronto, Canada, 1989-1993.

Marina Davoli and Anna Maria Bargagli - Mortality of intravenous drug users in Italy
Carlo Alberto Perucci - Evidence of increasing number of intravenous drug users (IVDUs), Lazio 1988-1992, Italia

Martin Donoghoe - HIV Prevalence in London IDUs (1990-1993): Is Harm Reduction Working?

E2. II

NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS: LIMITS & BARRIERS - WINDSOR EAST ROOM - T. STEPHEN JONES (CHAIR)

Sten Rönnerberg - Perspectives and data from the syringe exchange program in Malmö, Sweden

Lawrence Elliott - So, who objects to needle exchange programmes?

Rod Sorge - Needle exchange and civil liberties

E3. III

WOMEN AND DRUGS I - SIMCOE AND DUFFERIN ROOMS - AMANDA NOBLE (CHAIR)

Marcia Russell - Reduction of harm related to alcohol and drug use during pregnancy.

Suzan Lewis - Illicit drug use and pregnancy

Arwyn Elden - Women, HIV & crack cocaine: The potential for harm reduction intervention.

E4. III

GENERATIONS AT RISK - PEEL ROOM - JOAN MARSHMAN (CHAIR)

W.R. Jacyk - The Elders Health Program

Kathryn Graham - Harm reduction approach to treating older adult substance abusers: the clients speak

Frans H.R. Leenders - "DAPAC" - Project in The Netherlands

E5. IV

SERVICES TO REDUCE HARM II - YORK ROOM - SEAN SPEED (CHAIR)

Ranjit Ganguly - The importance of effective addictions (alcohol/drug) treatment services to the demand reduction for substances.

Julia Hender - Change in the 1990's with the advent of Community Care NHS reforms and Criminal Justice Act (England).

P.R.W. Kendall - Community drug abuse grants program

Agnoletto Vittorio - Outreach unit for HIV harm reduction among active drug users - Evaluation of 2 years activity in San Giuliano Milanese - October 1991/October 1993.

E6. VI

CONCEPTUAL ISSUES IN HARM REDUCTION POLICY I - WINDOR WEST ROOM - ROBIN ROOM (CHAIR)**Eric M. Klinenberg** - A historical perspective on American drug policies**Andy Malinowski** - Can harm reduction policies be reversed?**Desmond R.A. Manderson** - The war on ugliness: The aesthetics of 'drug' laws.**Eloise Opheim** - The debate over harm reduction

E7. V

SUBSTANCE-SPECIFIC INTERVENTIONS - HURON ROOM - ANDRÉA RIESCH TOPELL (CHAIR)**Andrew Bennett** - Whoopsa Daisy - providing drug information by using the tools of popular culture**Stephen Mugford** - Harm reduction on the highways - an evaluation of a program for truck drivers about stimulant use**Richard Pates** - Amphetamine users - A high-risk group.**Les Pappas** - Ecstasy interactive telephone system: survey and evaluation

E8. IV

ALCOHOL POLICY ISSUES AND HARM REDUCTION - NORFOLK ROOM - MANUELLA ADRIAN (CHAIR)**Misha Levine** - The State against the drinker (1985 alcohol reform in the USSR)**Anthony Flaherty** - Harm reduction and alcohol in the home.**Carmi Camicata** - Sneaky alcohol issues or when an alcohol policy issue pops up and no one wants to work on it.

E9. II (W)

NEEDLE EXCHANGE IN TORONTO - EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES - KENT ROOM

Walter Cavelieri, Shaun M. Hopkins (chair), and Tim Potts

E10. VII (W)

HARM REDUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES - CARLTON ROOM

Abu Abdul-Quader (chair), and Gerry Stimson

TUESDAY MARCH 8TH**F - PLENARY**

 9:00 - 10:30 AM/ THE DETERMINANTS OF DRUG POLICY: THE FATE OF THE COMMISSIONS - GRAND BALLROOM CENTRE - STEPHEN MUGFORD (CHAIR)
Peter Cohen - The Baan commission and modern drug policy in the Netherlands**Robert Solomon** - Canadian drug reform: finding new ways to make bad laws worse**Richard Bonnie** - The limited utility of a presidential commission on drug policy**Pia Rosenqvist** - Is there a future for the commissions?**Craig Reinerman** - commentator

An inquiry into what happens to the recommendations of commissions on drug policy, covering drug commissions in the Netherlands, Canada, Scandinavia and the United States of America, and commenting on possible future directions.

*French translation available

REFRESHMENTS

10:30 - 11:00 AM/ GRAND BALLROOM FOYER

G - REGULAR SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

G1. I

AIDS AND SYRINGE EXCHANGE - ELGIN ROOM - PEGGIE MILLSON (CHAIR)

Paul Davis - Why are so few HIV-positive cases who are injectors reported in the S.W. Thames region of England? A report of research policies and practice of HIV testing and counselling by drug agencies.

Gillian Hunter - Trends in syringe sharing among London IDUs between 1990 and 1992: A cause for concern?

Regina de Carvalho Bueno - An international comparative study of HIV seroprevalence and risk behavior among drug injectors in 13 cities.
WHO Collaborative Study Group.

Julie Bruneau - HIV prevalence and profile of IVDUs in Montreal, related to their use of facilities.

G2. II

EVALUATION STUDIES OF NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS II - YORK ROOM - SHAUN HOPKINS (CHAIR)

G. Barbarini - Attitudes of HIV seropositive I.V.D.A.: Comparison between Northern and Southern Italian patients.

Samuel R. Friedman - Over the counter (OTC) syringe sales and HIV in the United States

T. Stephen Jones - Impact of 1992 modifications of prescription law and drug paraphernalia law, Connecticut.

G3. III

WOMEN AND DRUGS II - WINDSOR EAST ROOM - MARSHA ROSENBAUM (CHAIR)

Beverly Powis - Differences between men and women heroin users:
The influence of route, treatment status and sexual partners.

Jane Bellis - Accessing high-risk female drug users.

Anke Wevers - Gender-specific treatment - A new way to quality!

Susan Boyd - Women and illicit drug use: the significance of legal, medical and social service intervention.

G4. IV

PROFESSIONAL ATTITUDES - HURON ROOM - FRED ARIELLA MUSCOVITCH (CHAIR)**Christa Appel** - Drugs in the workplace in Germany, the current state:

Progress towards harm reduction approaches or an exaggeration of risks?

Michael Blank - Post-graduate training for GPs in the care and management of illicit drug users: An effective approach**Anna Green** - Promoting sexual health: Providing perceptions of obstacles and opportunities.**Bart Majoor** - Helping the helpers.

G5. V

PEER SUPPORT FOR USERS - PEEL ROOM - ANDREW BENNETT (CHAIR)**Werner Hermann** - The gap between public commitment and factual support of self-empowerment/self-organization of drug users in Germany.**Dennis Long** - Harm reduction results of the van program**Franz Trautmann** - Peer support as a method for AIDS prevention in IDU communities.**Jane Ward** - Letting the client speak: conducting a comprehensive service review

G6. VI (W)

STRATEGIC ADVOCACY FOR DRUG POLICY REFORM: A WORKSHOP - SIMCOE AND DUFFERIN ROOMS

Ernest Drucker, Ethan Nadelmann, and Alex Wodak

G7. III (W)

SECONDARY SCHOOL HIGH RISK YOUTH PROJECT - KENT ROOM**Gloria Silverman** - The secondary schools high-risk project (chair).**Susan Andison** - Community partnerships.**David DeWit** - Identification of high-risk youth.**Michael Goodstadt** - Risk factor research.

G8. II (W)

CAN HARM REDUCTION BECOME A DESTRUCTIVE FORM OF COLLUSION? - CARLTON ROOM

Sean Speed

G9. VI (W)

THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF CITIES ON DRUG POLICY - NORFOLK ROOM - KENDRA WRIGHT (CHAIR)

Other Network of Cities representatives

LUNCH

12:30-2:00 PM/ LUNCH WILL BE SERVED IN THE ESSEX BALLROOM ON THE MEZZANINE LEVEL,
AND IN THE CIVIC BALLROOM ON THE 2ND FLOOR

H - LUNCH SPEAKER

1:00 PM/ GRAND BALLROOM CENTRE - PAT O'HARE (CHAIR)

HARM REDUCTION AND THE HEALTH OF THE CITY - A VIEW FROM THE MAYOR OF BALTIMORE. - MAYOR KURT SCHMOKE

J - MAJOR SESSIONS

2:00 - 3:30 PM

J1.

WOMEN, HARM REDUCTION AND HEAVY USE - GRAND BALLROOM CENTRE - JULIE BRUNEAU (CHAIR)

Louise Nadeau - Withdrawal, despair, myth and love: a typology of risk-taking settings for drug dependent women

Gerard Connors - Harm reduction interventions with heavy drinking women

Brenda Miller - Harm reduction approaches for reducing violent victimization associated with women's drug use

Helen Annis - commentator

The panel will focus on harm reduction approaches for women who use alcohol or drugs heavily. These include harm reduction interventions with different types of heavy users, and the prevention of alcohol-related violence to female heavy drinkers.

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J2.

HARM REDUCTION APPROACHES TO TOBACCO SMOKING - GRAND BALLROOM EAST - JAN SKIRROW (CHAIR)

John Pinney - Tobacco and Harm Reduction: Limits of Public Policy

Neil Collishaw - Is the tobacco epidemic being brought under control or just moved around? An international perspective

Lynn Kozlowski - Low-yield and light cigarettes: behavioural and policy issues

Roberta Ferrence - commentator

The application of harm reduction approaches will be discussed at the level of the individual smoker, in terms of low yield and light cigarettes, at the policy level, in terms of issues of tobacco harm reduction, and at the international level in terms of structural approaches to change.

J3

IS THERE A RATIONAL BASIS FOR DIFFERENTIATING DRUGS BY HARM POTENTIAL?**- GRAND BALLROOM WEST - NEIL BOYD (CHAIR)****Harold Kalant** - Drug differentiation - rational vs. feasible**Erik Fromberg** - Drugs and Harm**John Morgan** - Is there anything to be learned from animal studies of cocaine self-administration to reduce harm among human cocaine users?**Howard Cappell** - commentator

In theory, international and national drug control legislation distinguishes between drugs according to such criteria as their "dependence liability and abuse potential". In practice, the distinctions often reflect historical accident and even prejudices. This panel of psychopharmacological experts considers whether there is a rational basis for distinguishing between drugs in terms of their potential for harm or their demonstrated harm.

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REFRESHMENTS

3:30 - 4:00 PM/ GRAND BALLROOM FOYER

K - REGULAR SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

4:00 - 5:30 PM

K1. I

INSIGHTS FROM COMMUNITY STUDIES - KENT ROOM - ERNIE DRUCKER (CHAIR)**Gernot Gollnisch** - Drug, set, and setting: A basis for classifying untreated drug users.**Misha Levine** - Toronto Rocks. (Smoking crack in Toronto vs. shooting speed in Moscow)**Simon Lenton** - Shopping, baking and using: The manufacture, use and problems associated with heroin made in the home from codiene based pharmaceuticals.**Judith Porter** - Crack paraphernalia, HIV risk, and harm reduction

K2. II

PROGRAMATIC ASPECTS OF NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS - PEEL ROOM - WALTER CAVALIERI (CHAIR)**Franz Trautmann** - Development, pretest and distribution of the Basics Box, a box with the basic injecting equipment of IV drug users.**I. McCombie** - Nutritional deficiency and injecting drug use - any cause for concern?**T. Stephen Jones** - The role of bleach disinfection of injection equipment.**Dan Bigg** - Rationale and experience in changing a syringe exchange scheme from 1 for 1 to 2 for 1.

K3. III

STEROIDS - WINDSOR EAST ROOM - PAUL GOLDSTEIN (CHAIR)**Marion Watson** - Anabolic steroid injectors: The "new" pariahs.**Bryan G. Nadeau** - Anabolic steroids, liver cancer and the amelioration of drug related harm.

K4. IV

ALCOHOL STRATEGIES - NORFOLK ROOM - TIM STOCKWELL (CHAIR)**Manuella Adrian** - Can pricing policies be used to reduce impaired driving?**Norman Giesbrecht** - Reducing high risk use of alcohol through multiple coordinated strategies: Focusing on the person, drug and the environment in community action research project.**Alex Wodak** - Reducing alcohol-related violence at the local level.

K5. V

PEER SUPPORT & USER ORGANIZATIONS: GIVING USERS A VOICE - PEEL ROOM - JEAN PAUL GRUND (CHAIR)**Chris Jones** - Making a users' own voice.**Carol Polych** - Concept map of the meaning of health in the context of continuing heroin use.**Guus J. Verhoef** - Developing quality assurance systems for the outpatient addiction care services in The Netherlands

K6. VI

PRISONS II - YORK ROOM - NORBERT GILMORE (CHAIR)**John B. Davies** - Addiction as attribution: Applications in the clinical and in the prison context.**Tony McLaren** - Drug education and harm reduction in a prison setting.**John Porter** - Helping drug users in British prisons - A new project.**Andréa Riesch Toepell** - Controversies in implementing harm reduction efforts in Canadian prisons

K7. IV (W)

PREP, SELECT, AND INJECT: A "HOW TO" WORKSHOP - CARLTON ROOM

L. Synn Stern

K8. VI (W)

CONCEPTUAL ISSUES IN HARM REDUCTION II - SIMCOE AND DUFFERIN ROOMS - PAT ERICKSON, ERIC SINGLE (CO-CHAIRS)

Neil Boyd, Ernst Buning, Yuet Cheung, David Lewis, and Craig Reinerman

K9. V (W)

QUÉBEC'S HIV EPIDEMIC AMONG IDUS - ELGIN ROOM**Richard Cloutier** - Coordination of HIV prevention programmes for IDU in Quebec (chair).**Julie Bruneau** - How to conciliate services to drug addicts and HIV prevention.

Catherine Hankins - Role of specialised centres for HIV prevention among injection drug users.

Andrew Kennedy - Reaching IDU in semi-urban and rural environments: The Quebec experience.

K10. V (W)

GUIDE YOUR PATIENTS TO A SMOKE-FREE FUTURE - WORKSHOP FOR MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS - HURON ROOM

Canadian Council on Smoking and Health - Robert Coombs

ST. LAWRENCE FORUM - THE ST. LAWRENCE THEATRE (27 FRONT STREET EAST, AT YONGE ST.) - TUES/ MARCH 8TH, 8:00PM TO 10:00PM, AT .

Sponsored by the Canadian Foundation for Drug Policy, this forum on harm reduction will feature Pat O'Hare, Ernie Drucker, Ricardo Soberón Garrido, Alex Wodak, and Diane Riley.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 9TH

L - PLENARY

9:00 - 10:30 AM

HARM REDUCTION AND HUMAN RIGHTS - GRAND BALLROOM CENTRE - EUGENE OSCAPELLA (CHAIR)

Erik Fromberg - Drug policy and human rights

Ricardo Soberón Garrido - Drug trafficking, counternarcotics and human rights violations.

Steve Wisotsky - The U.S. war on drugs: past and prologue.

Ernie Drucker - The U.S. drug war and human rights

An international perspective on drug use, the drug trade and infringements of human rights. In addition to providing an overview of the situation with respect to drugs and human rights in their own areas, speakers will make suggestions regarding ways in which the rights of drug users and cultivators can be protected in the future.

*French translation available

REFRESHMENTS

10:30 - 11:00 AM/ GRAND BALLROOM FOYER

M1. I

MEASURING SENSITIVE BEHAVIOURS - HURON ROOM - MARTIN PLANT (CHAIR)

Michael George & Laura Gamble - Really useful knowledge.

Michael Farrell - "Moving the mountain": Conducting a drug prevalence study in an inner city setting.

Tim Rhodes - Sexual risk and social context: 'Risk' and everyday drug-using lifestyles.

M2. II

USER PERSPECTIVES - WINDSOR WEST ROOM - L. SYN STERN (CHAIR)

Alexandra Highcrest - Barriers to drug users participating in the planning and management of HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment programs.

Jean-Paul C. Grund - Peer-driven health promotion to combat HIV among injection drug users: Project description and preliminary results.

Deborah Crawford - Implications of a transition to truck-based syringe exchange in a cold urban area.

Keith Cylar - Staffing a harm reduction agency: managing an intricate mosaic.

M3. III

STREET YOUTH - WINDSOR EAST ROOM - JIM ANDERSON (CHAIR)

Reginald G. Smart - Street youth as a harm-reduction puzzle.

Hilary Klee - HIV-related risk behaviour among homeless drug users.

Linda Williams - A longitudinal study of juvenile detainees: Contribution to theory and policy regarding drug use and delinquency/crime among high risk youth.

Michael C. Clatts - AIDS outreach and prevention among homeless youth in New York City: Applications of the harm reduction model.

M4. V

HEROIN & METHADONE PROGRAMS - YORK ROOM - ANDREW KENNEDY (CHAIR)

Dr. Gabriele Bammer - What is the best design for a 'heroin trial'?

Alan Rosenbach - From a non-opiate to opiate prescribing programme for heroin users: Implications for harm reduction.

Margaret Rihs-Middel - Medical prescription of narcotics in Switzerland: Basis issues and research plan.

Brent Taylor - Naloxone: Exploring community-based distribution

M5. VI

PUBLIC OPINION ADVOCACY - SIMCOE AND DUFFERIN - NORMAN GIESBRECHT (CHAIR)

Rene Lauzon & Claire Narbonne-Fortin - Municipal alcohol policy: Reducing alcohol-related harm in Ontario Communities.

Thomas K. Greenfield - Mandated container warnings as an alcohol-related harm reduction policy: first evidence from long-term US/Ontario surveys

Rita Hindin - Data for empowerment: Small area analysis as a tool for community-based harm-reduction efforts.

M6. VI

MEASURING DRUG POLICY EFFECTIVENESS - ELGIN ROOM - ERIC SINGLE (CHAIR)

Benedikt Fischer - Contemporary Canadian drug policy - reducing the harm or improving the image? A policy-analysis approach to the discrepancy between goals and effects of "Canada's Drug Strategy."

David C. Lewis - The measurement of harm reduction.

Patrick R. Clifford - The barriers to measuring the effectiveness of drug policy.

S.K. Chatterjee - Impact of international trade agreements on harm reduction.

M7. II (W)

A REPORT ON THE NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON HIV, ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG USE - NORFOLK ROOM

Diane Riley - HIV, alcohol and other drug use: A harm reduction strategy for Canada.

Betsy MacKenzie - HIV and alcohol use.

John Turvey - The view from the street

*This workshop is sponsored by the AIDS Education and Prevention Unit, Health Canada

M8. VI (W)

REDUCTION OF DRUG RELATED HARM AND HUMAN RIGHTS - CARLTON ROOM

M. Zaman (chair), Seikh Md. Jalal Uddin and Soheli Fatema

M9. IV (W)

"STEP BY STEP" TO HARM REDUCTION - KENT ROOM

Diane Champion Smith

M10. IV (W)

RECOVERY FOR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF ALCOHOLICS - PEEL ROOM

Georgette Groulx and Al-Anon members.

M11. III (W)

SNEAK PREVIEW OF A PILOT HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM "SKILLS FOR ACTION" - WENTWORTH ROOM

Joanne Taylor

LUNCH

12:30 - 2:00 PM/ ESSEX BALLROOM ON THE MEZZANINE LEVEL,
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N - LUNCH SPEAKER

1:00-2:00 PM/ GRAND BALLROOM CENTRE - FRANZ LEENDERS (CHAIR)

DON'T WAIT 'TIL IT'S TOO LATE: REDUCING HARM WITH PRE-DRUG USERS - JAMES KAY

P1.

**DRUG USE AND PREGNANCY - GRAND BALLROOM EAST -
MARSHA ROSENBAUM (CHAIR)****Avril Taylor** - Female drug injectors and parenting**Loren Siegel** - Vanquishing the pregnancy police**Amanda Noble** - Pregnant and using: child abuse reporting and mandatory treatment in California**Ernest Abel** - FAS on the docket

Legal and ethical issues pertaining to drug use by women before, during and after pregnancy will be examined. Discussion will include the scientific data on the effects of alcohol and other drugs on the fetus, research on the mothering experiences of drug-injecting mothers, and consideration of the impact on mothers and their children of drug prohibition, coerced treatment, and forced family dissolution.

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P2.

**DRUG USE & HARM - WHAT ARE THE RELATIONSHIPS? - GRAND BALLROOM WEST -
LANA HARRISON (CHAIR)****Joseph Gfoerer & Janet Greenblatt** - Self-reported problems associated with drug use**Lloyd Johnston** - Drug use and harm - what are the relationships?**Carlo Perucci** - Geographical and temporal pattern of mortality among intravenous drug users: a WHO multicity international study.

A harm reduction perspective implies a need for direct measurements of harm. The relation between use patterns and harm becomes a matter for investigation rather than assumption. The presentations in this session explore the relation in terms of self-reported harm, both cross-sectionally in a U.S. national samples of adults and over time among U.S. high school seniors; and in terms of mortality among intravenous drug injectors in an international study.

P3.

**CANADIAN ISSUES AND PERSPECTIVES ON HARM REDUCTION - GRAND BALLROOM
CENTRE - ROBERT SOLOMON (CHAIR)****Neil Boyd** - Canadian issues and perspectives on harm reduction**Bruce Alexander** - The potential for public acceptance of harm reduction measures**Line Beauchesne** - Legalization of drugs: responsible action toward health promotion**Ralf Jürgens** - Will prisons fail the AIDS test?**Diane Riley** - commentator

This panel will focus on the prospects for harm reduction resulting from decriminalization or legalization in Canada, including the potential for public

acceptance of policy change. Speakers will also address issues pertaining to HIV/AIDS and drug use in Canadian prisons and will suggest measures to reduce harms associated with the correctional system.

*French translation available

REFRESHMENTS

3:30 - 4:00 PM/ GRAND BALLROOM FOYER

Q - REGULAR SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

4:00 - 5:30 PM

Q1. I

USES OF EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DATA - HURON ROOM - MARCIA RUSSELL (CHAIR)

Edward Adlaf - The cocaine epidemic in Canada and the United States.

Lana D. Harrison - Trends and patterns of illicit drug use in the United States: Implications for policy.

Elke Konings - Epidemiological appraisal of illegal drug use in Switzerland

David F. Duncan - Epidemiology use and misuse in shaping and assessing drug policy.

Q2. II

IDUS AND OTHER HEALTH PROBLEMS - WINDSOR WEST - BILL JACYK (CHAIR)

Samuel R. Friedman - Harm reduction and the tuberculosis epidemic among IDUs

Alex Wodak & Nick Crofts - Son of HIV: Reducing the spread of Hepatitis C virus among IDUs .

Anna Fugelstad - Heroin deaths in Stockholm 1986-1991

Roumen Sedefov - Hepatitis infection among IV drug users and harm reduction strategies.

Q3 VI

POLICY OPTIONS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES - WINDSOR EAST - ETHAN NADELMANN (CHAIR)

Fabio C. Mesquita - Harm reduction strategies: Trying to overcome political and legal constraints.

Alba Zalua - The consequences of the War on Drugs in Brazil.

Anne Coppel - Harm reduction and the French politics against drugs.

Ingo Ilja Michels - Models of legalization of illicit drugs in Germany.

Q4. V

USER-ORIENTED INTERVENTIONS - PEEL ROOM - BRUCE ALEXANDER (CHAIR)

Eric Picard - La déontologie medicale, agent de la reduction des risques

(Medical ethics as a means for the reduction of risks)

Abdalla Toufik - Substitution and self-organization of drug-users.

Jacob A. Suissa - Alcoholics Anonymous and the disease model

Q5. VI

HARM REDUCTION AND SUPPLY SIDE POLICY II - YORK ROOM - KEVIN ZEESE (CHAIR)

Stephen E. Flynn - Beyond state-centric responses to combating drug abuse.

Dr. Fernando Garcia - Harm reduction at the supply end of the drug war.

Andrew Clark - Further adventures of an economist in the world of drug policy.

Robin Room - Harm reduction and the W.H.O. Expert Committee on

Drug Dependence.

Q6. I (W)

HAIR ANALYSIS AND HARM REDUCTION: CONVERGENCE AND DIVERGENCE -

ELGIN ROOM

Rita Hindin (chair), David Buchanan, Paul Marques, Robert Stephenson,

Faye Simmons, and Eugene Oscapella

Q7. IV (W)

USING A MOTIVATIONAL MILIEU TO CONSTRUCT HEALTH WITH IDUS: THE FUN GROUP

- NORFOLK ROOM

Walter Cavalieri (chair), Carol Polych, 3 FUN Group Members

Q8. III (W)

LIVING SKILLS CENTRE - CARLTON ROOM

Susan Anderson (chair), Larry Johanson, Shirley Smith, and John Whitehead

Q9. IV (W)

HARM REDUCTION THROUGH EDUCATION: REACHING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS -

KENT ROOM

Andréa Riesch Toepell - Education for the prison population (chair).

Norma Hotaling - Prostitution issues of violence and battering, addressing these issues in HIV education.

Laura Moore-Dempsey - Education for the HIV-positive injection drug using women.

Rebecca Bassey - Peer Education for Street Youth

"WELCOME TO TORONTO" RECEPTION - 6:30PM-7:30PM: NEW CITY HALL ROTUNDA -

directly across Queen Street from the Sheraton Centre. The New City Hall is two curved towers, with a smaller round building in the middle. The Rotunda is the main foyer of this smaller round building - there is a large courtyard area, with skating, in front of the Rotunda and visible from the hotel's Queen Street exit (near the cinemas).

BANQUET - 8:00PM: DINNER WILL BE SERVED IN THE GRAND BALLROOM EAST

Greetings from Jacques Le Cavalier, of the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse, and Mark Taylor, of the Addiction Research Foundation. Presentation of the Rolleston Awards. After dinner speaker: Alex Wodak

Q10. I (W)

W.H.O./U.N.D.C.P. MULTI-CITY STUDY ON DRUG-INJECTING AND HIV

- SIMCOE & DUFFERIN ROOMS - ANDREW BALL (CHAIR)

THURSDAY MARCH 10TH

R.MAJOR SESSIONS

9:00 - 10:30 AM

R1.

PERFORMANCE-ENHANCING DRUGS AND SPORTS - GRAND BALLROOM CENTRE -

MICHAEL GOODSTADT (CHAIR)

Paul Goldstein - Correlates of anabolic-androgenic steroid use in the greater Chicago area

Angela Schneider - The pointlessness of performance-enhancing drug use in sport

Pat Lenehan - Anabolic steroid use in the UK - an overview

Jan Skirrow - commentator

In both amateur and professional sport, the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs has become widespread despite an escalation of testing and deterrence. The session considers the application of harm reduction perspectives in this special arena of drug problems.

*French translation available

R2.

LIMITS OF SUPPLY REDUCTION APPROACHES - GRAND BALLROOM EAST -

STEPHEN FLYNN (CHAIR)

Terry Ryan - Canadian enforcement strategies and harm reduction

Robert Worden - Continuity and change in street-level drug enforcement

Jim Kingston - Can we effectively legislate morality?

Pat Erickson - commentator

Researchers and police officials consider the costs and benefits to public order and to the police of street drug enforcement in North America, and how a policy shift towards harm reduction would affect the performance of the police role.

*This major session sponsored by the Solicitor General, Canada

R3.

IS DEPENDENCE A HARM? - GRAND BALLROOM WEST - ADRIAN WILKINSON (CHAIR)

Stanton Peele - How the disease theory impedes harm reduction approaches

Bruce Alexander - Appropriate harm reduction measures from an adaptive perspective on dependence

Juan Negrete - Chemical dependence and health status

Diagnostic definitions of dependence focus on such criteria as tolerance to a drug, shakes and other symptoms upon stopping use, and feelings of inability to control

drug use. Considering dependence as an experiential and clinical phenomenon, the panel debates whether and how much priority should be given to dependence in governmental efforts to reduce drug-related harm.

*This major session sponsored by the National Strategic Funding Component of the Community Support program, Canada's Drug Strategy, Health Canada

REFRESHMENTS

10:30-11:00 AM/: GRAND BALLROOM FOYER

S - REGULAR SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

S1. I

DRUG USE AMONG YOUTH - HURON ROOM - DENNIS LONG (CHAIR)

Elke Konings - Characteristics of drug consumption among adolescents in Switzerland.

S. W. Hettiaratchy - Substance misuse in young adults

Yuet W. Cheung - Social change and drug use in Hong Kong: Implications for harm reduction.

S2. III

SEX WORKERS AND SEX ISSUES - WINDSOR WEST ROOM - LOUISE NADEAU (CHAIR)

John Strang - Heterosexual anal intercourse amongst London heroin and cocaine users.

Kevin Haigh - Free condoms - how to sell safer sex.

Paul Griffiths - Drug use, HIV risk behaviour and severity of heroin and cocaine dependence among prostitutes.

Sarah Crosby - Working with prostitutes: Reducing risks, expanding services.

S3. IV

OUTREACH ISSUES - WINDSOR EAST ROOM - DAN BIGG (CHAIR)

Lesley Anne Brown - What works? Working together works.

Th. Kuhlmann - Harm reduction needs qualified clinical acute treatment (Germany).

Ian Sherwood - Methadone outreach to high risk itinerant nomadic IDU's.

Willie Garriock - Young people and drug use drug action group: contacting young drug users who find our services boring!

S4. V

EARLY INTERVENTION - YORK ROOM - MARTHA SANCHEZ-CRAIG (CHAIR)

Frieda A. Muscovitch - Health, illness and the community: harm reduction in medical education

Carol Pederson - What's good for the goose - WITHDRAWN

Nicholas Lintzeris - Enhancing the harm reduction potential of methadone maintenance treatment: Preliminary findings of the Methadone Access Program.

Alistair Sutherland - Alcohol and primary care.

S5. V

RESIDENTIAL AND OTHER INTERVENTIONS - KENT ROOM - WAYNE SKINNER (CHAIR)

Jill Coles - Hitting the target.

Jane McCusker - Residential drug abuse treatment and HIV risk behaviour change.

David Korn - The Donwood Institute: from hospital treatment to a centre for healthful living

Paul Marques - Case management and harm reduction in a random-assignment treatment study of cocaine using mothers

S6. VI

DRUG TESTING IN CANADA - ELGIN ROOM - MARTIN SHAIN (CHAIR)

Judith Blackwell - Prohibitionist policy in harm reduction clothing:

Drug testing in the workplace.

Scott Macdonald - Drug testing issues and implications for harm reduction.

Eugene Oscapella - Drug testing, prohibitionist drug policies and and harm reduction

Trudo Lemmens - Harm reduction and doping in sports: The need for assessment of values.

S7. V (W)

IBOGAINE AND HARM REDUCTION - CARLTON ROOM - HOWARD CAPPELL (CHAIR)

Barbara Judd - Ibogaine as a harm reduction method

Boaz Wachtel - Implementation strategies for harm reduction goals: the Ibogaine example

Bob Sisko - Ibogaine and harm reduction

S8.II (W)

EXCHANGERS, VOLUNTEERS, STAFF AND NEIGHBOURHOODS; HOW A SYRINGE EXCHANGE-BASED HARM REDUCTION PROGRAM DEALS WITH "TOO MANY THINGS" AND THRIVES! - NORFOLK ROOM

Jon Paul Hammond, Corinne Carey, Bob Elser, Mark Ford, Earl Driscoll, Lois Lax, and Laverne Petty

S9. VI(W)

EARLY HISTORY OF DUTCH HARM REDUCTION POLICIES - PEEL ROOM - (Illustrated with slides)

Erik Fromberg

S10. II (W)

REDUCING THE HARMS FROM HIV/AIDS AND DRUG USE IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES - SIMCOE AND DUFFERIN ROOMS

Diane Riley - Drugs and the correctional system: a harm reduction approach (co-chair).

Julia Barnett - A comprehensive AIDS strategy for prison systems: a community-based perspective

Ingo Ilja Michels - HIV and prison situation in Germany - Obstacles for prevention.

Kate Dolan & Alex Wodak - HIV risk behaviour in and out of prison.

LUNCH

12:30 - 2:00 PM/ ESSEX BALLROOM ON THE MEZZANINE LEVEL,
AND IN THE CIVIC BALLROOM ON THE 2ND FLOOR,

T - LUNCH SESSIONS

1:00 - 2:00 PM

T1

HARM REDUCTION IN NORTHERN ONTARIO - GRAND BALLROOM CENTRE

Shelley Wark-Martyn (Minister of Health Without Portfolio, Ontario)

T2.

HARM REDUCTION AMONG INDIGENOUS PEOPLES PROJECT

- INFORMAL PRESENTATION - GRAND BALLROOM EAST

Andrew Ball (WHO - Geneva) and others

U - PLENARY

2:00-3:30 PM/ HARM REDUCTION AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL - GRAND BALLROOM CENTRE
- ETHAN NADELMANN (CHAIR)

Irvin Waller - Prevention of violence and illicit drug use: a question of choice for mayors

Alex Wodak - Harm reduction in Australian Communities

John Turvey - Barriers to risk reduction

Arnold Trebach - commentator

A discussion of case studies in local options for harm reduction, including the adoption of harm reduction measures as laid out in the Frankfurt Resolution; community level syringe exchange and outreach; and programs which provide heroin to users.

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CLOSING SESSION

3:30 - 4:00 PM/ GRAND BALLROOM CENTRE

MANAGING PARTNERS



ADDICTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The Addiction Research Foundation (ARF) is the largest facility for research into alcohol and other drug problems in North America. An agency of the province of Ontario, the ARF is dedicated to research into alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and to developing and delivering that knowledge in the form of products, programs and services that can be used in the community to reduce drug-related harm. Since 1977, the ARF has been designated a collaborating centre of the World Health Organization.



CANADIAN CENTRE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA) was created by an Act of Parliament in 1988 as part of Canada's Drug Strategy. It operates at arm's length from the government and is concerned with all abused substances, legal and illegal. The role of the CCSA is to provide national leadership and a focus for governments, community, professional and volunteer agencies, the private sector and labour organizations, and thus contribute to the reduction of harm associated with the abuse of drugs. The work of the CCSA includes policy development, research on drug use, policy and treatment, and a National Clearinghouse on Substance Abuse.

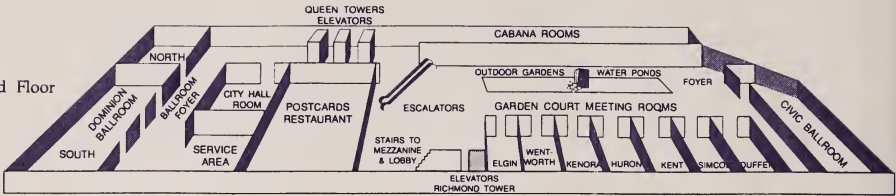


MERSEY DRUG TRAINING AND INFORMATION CENTRE

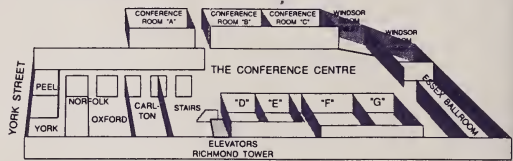
The Mersey Drug Training and Information Centre was established in 1985 to provide information and training services on drugs and related health, social and legal issues to all sections of the population in the Mersey Region, U.K. The centre has gained an international reputation for developing and implementing a harm reduction approach to drugs, including the establishment of one of the U.K.'s first syringe exchange programs. The centre operates a public library and other public information services, provides training to a range of health, education and social service professionals and edits the *International Journal on Drug Policy*.


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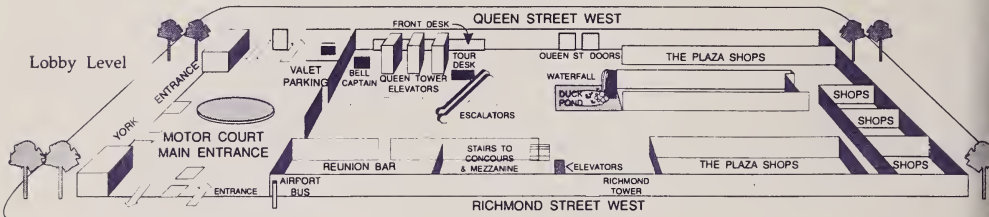
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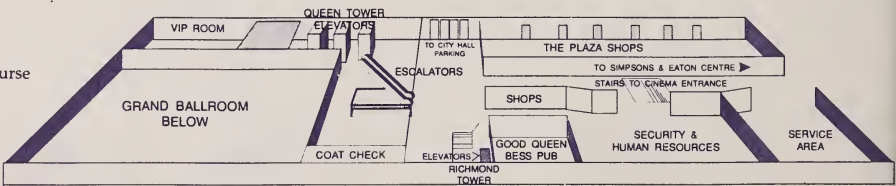
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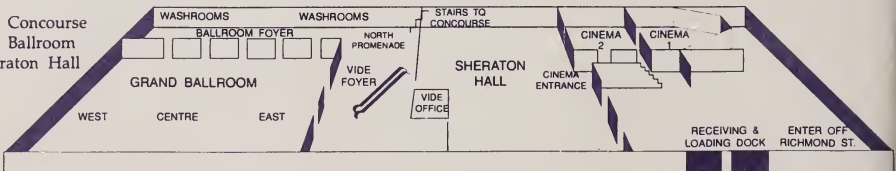
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